and Technology Mission; National Mission on Bamboo Applications; Seismology Mission; Drug and pharmaceuticals R&D; New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership initiative; Tsunami Warning System etc. Research in sectors like Drug and Pharmaceuticals, Health and Medical; focusing research in peptide based anti cancer drug, AIDS, tuberculosis etc., Nano Science and Technology; carbon nanotube based fluid energy sensors, sufrace coatings etc., Information Technology, Agriculture and Waste Utilization etc., are some examples which have been found to be useful and cost effective.

Match fixing rumours

1042. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Vigilance Team of ICC visited India in September 2005 when triangular series were played in Zimbabwe and there were some rumours of match fixing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose of the visit of ICC Team;

(c) whether Government have enquired into the question of match fixing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have informed that they have no information regarding the visit of Vigilance Team, from ICC to India in Sept-2005. This Ministry also does not have any formal information regarding visit of Vigilance team from ICC. Hence, the question of probing into the details of match fixing during the triangular cricket series played in Zimbabwe during September, 2005 does not arise.

Monitoring of banned drugs

1043. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Sports personnel found guilty of taking banned drugs during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that in almost all cases, these boys and girls were sent to foreign countries for training under foreign coaches; and

(c) whether there is any system to monitor that banned drugs are not administered at the overseas places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Since 2002, 8 Indian sportspersons have been found guilty of taking banned drugs during international events.

(b) Out of the said 8 sportspersons, 3 were sent to foreign countries for pre-competition training.

(c) Word Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has a system to check athletes at any time any where without prior notice.

Expenditure for next Olympic Games

1044. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the time and venue of next Olympic Games;

(b) whether Government alongwith the State Governments and the sports associations have been coaching our sports persons/athletes to win maximum number of medals;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the same and the expenditure made so far;

(d) whether Central Government adopts the policy of "coach them young" as adopted successfully by China;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the achievements likely to be made therefrom; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The next Olympic Games are scheduled to be held at Beijing, China from 8th to 24th August, 2008.

(b) and (c) Government of India supports and supplements the efforts of State Governments and the National Sports Federations (NSFs) for preparing/training of Indian Sportspersons/athletes to win medals in international competitions. The preparation/training of sportspersons for major international events including Olympic Games is an on-going process which takes into account inputs provided by NSFs. Systematic approach